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## FLOODED HOUSES FALL

Narrow Escape of Many Pitts-  
burg Residents.

## ONE PERSON ENTOMBED

Waters Are Slowly Going Down This  
Afternoon.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE EXTENSIVE

Suffering Is Great Owing to the In-  
tense Cold—Charitable Organi-  
zations Giving Relief.

PITTSBURGH, February 17.—With a  
great roar, two brick dwelling houses  
located at Nos. 22 and 24 Penn. avenue, in  
the district inundated by the flood waters,  
collapsed early today and fell into the  
street.

A score of occupants, warned by the  
cracking walls, barely had time to reach  
the street before tons of brick and plaster  
tumbled into the streets.

U. C. Anderson was cut and bruised  
by flying debris, and eighteen other per-  
sons narrowly escaped being crushed to  
death. All but Anderson rushed to the  
street in their night clothes just a mo-  
ment before the three-story brick building  
fell in a heap. For some time great ex-  
citement prevailed, as it was reported  
that many persons had been buried under  
the debris.

## Was Buried Alive.

hurried calls for police reserves, ambulances  
and firemen were sent in and a search  
of the ruins began. Anderson, who was  
voice could be heard calling for help, and  
frantic efforts were made to release him.  
It was found that he was wedged be-  
tween heavy timbers in the basement, and  
over him were tons of brick and plaster  
braced in such a manner, however, that  
he was not entombed. He was seriously  
injured. After several hours' work he was  
released and sent to a hospital, where it  
was later stated he would recover.

## Water Is Receding.

The foundations of both dwellings,  
which were old, had been weakened by  
the high water, causing them to col-  
lapse.

Other buildings in the vicinity are in a  
like condition, and building inspectors  
are making a thorough examination of the  
places.

At 10 o'clock,  
the water has fallen to about 24 1/2 feet. It  
is receding slowly, and by this afternoon  
the water will be below the danger mark  
of 22 feet.

Suffering among the victims is intense  
today owing to the cold, and all chari-  
table organizations are engaged in al-  
leviating their misery.  
Reports being received today show that  
the damage was widespread and heavy.

## Genesee Is Clear.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., February 17.—  
High water continued in the Genesee river  
here, but while the river is at its greatest  
height in years, freedom from floating ice  
will stop danger of a flood. At Genesee,  
however, a large tree jammed against the  
Genesee river bridge, near the Erie rail-  
road station, has caused a back-up of wa-  
ter and a flood has followed. A flood  
along Canasaga creek has made trouble  
at Dansville, N. Y. Many roads near  
Cuylerville, Greigsville and York are un-  
der water. Traffic on Mount Morris road  
is stopped, and trains on the Delaware,  
all Pennsylvania and Erie railroads, Mount  
Morris branch, have found it impossible  
to run on time.

## Cleaning Up Factories.

Scenes of activity are in evidence every-  
where in the flood district today. As the  
water recedes hundreds of men are  
put to work pumping water from cellars  
and clearing the debris from the streets.  
On the north side of the city, in the  
districts of the coal and food to the im-  
prisoned families. For this purpose 4,000  
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## INDIANA STILL THREATENED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 17.—  
Floods continue in southern Indiana today.  
The weather has turned clear and cold,  
which will check the rapid rise in streams,  
but the water is not yet at a standstill.  
At Petersburg the White and Patoka  
rivers are higher than since 1875, and  
thousands of acres of wheat lands are  
submerged. Schools have closed and  
trains have ceased running. Hundreds  
of men are repairing washouts. At Terra  
Haute the Wabash is seventeen and one-  
half feet and rising. The Ohio at  
Frankfort is thirty-four feet and will  
pass the danger line before night. It is  
rising two inches an hour.

## BRYAN OUT IN INDIANA

SCHEDULED FOR BUSY TWELVE  
HOURS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 17.—W. J.  
Bryan was scheduled to spend another  
busy twelve hours when he started today  
to carry out his program, which included  
addresses to the Ministers' Association  
and to the high school students this morn-  
ing, a reception this afternoon, an ad-  
dress to a mass meeting this evening and  
a banquet tonight, at which 700 guests  
will be accommodated.

Mr. Bryan received three distinct ovations  
here yesterday, when he addressed more  
than 4,000 people at Tomlinson Hall, later  
a meeting of the congregations of the  
Meridian Street and Central Avenue Metho-  
dist churches, and a little later a meet-  
ing of the ministers of the city held in  
Tomlinson Hall. He was here as the guest  
of the Y. M. C. A.

When he appeared before the audience  
in the hall the crowd rose to its feet and  
greeted him with prolonged applause, and  
it was several minutes before President  
Carey of the Y. M. C. A. could call the  
meeting to order.

Mr. Bryan's subject was "The Prince of  
Peace."

Oklahoma for Bryan.

GUTHRIE, Okla., February 17.—In the  
electoral primary held Saturday to  
elect delegates to the state convention  
W. J. Bryan was endorsed by every one  
of the seventy-five counties.

The delegates were instructed to name  
an instructed Bryan delegation to the  
Denver convention. W. H. Murray, presi-  
dent of the constitutional convention, will  
head Oklahoma's delegation. Gov. Has-  
sick and the two United States senators,  
Owen and Gore, with Mr. Murray, were  
endorsed for delegates-at-large.

Sherwood Boom for Vice President.

TOLEDO, Ohio, February 17.—A boom  
will be started in a few days for Gen.  
Isaac C. Sherwood to represent the  
state of Ohio at the national conven-  
tion of the Democratic party. Mr. Sherwood  
is the running mate in the coming national  
campaign.

Such is the announcement made tonight  
by George E. Seney, prominent Ohio  
democrat, who returned from a conference  
with the Democratic national leaders.  
Representative Sherwood is the man  
of the hour in Washington, said Seney.  
"His recent speech denouncing Roose-  
velt's message is the greatest effort that  
has been delivered in the history of the  
congress for some time. One hundred and  
fifty thousand copies have been ordered  
to be sent throughout the United States."

He received a telegram from a prominent  
national democrat recently, whose name I  
am not at liberty to divulge, urging me  
to employ good offices with Sherwood  
to permit the nomination of Mr. Sherwood  
for vice president. Bryan and Sherwood  
would have a euphonious ring, and I sincerely  
hope Sherwood enters the race as Bryan's  
running mate.

Texas for Bryan.

PORT WORTH, February 17.—The demo-  
cratic state executive committee has  
selected Port Worth for the state conven-  
tion in May, to name delegates to the  
national convention, and endorsed William  
J. Bryan.

Want Bryan to Let Kern Run.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 17.—Lead-  
ing democrats who came here to see William  
Jennings Bryan began to push vigorously  
the claims of John W. Kern for Vice  
President, and his friends are sanguine  
of his nomination. They say that In-  
diana is east in every sense of the word,  
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class has passed.

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action, enabling them to remain at sea  
for long periods, whether engaged as pat-  
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or dispatch boats.

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jority of them of the tribe class, two of  
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tional submarines, but about these the ad-  
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present home is located at 306 3d street  
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crowded and insanitary.



PITY THE RICH—ACCORDING TO MRS. HETTY GREEN.

## BRITISH NAVAL PLANS

Increased Estimates in the  
Face of Opposition.

## LIKELY BUILDING PROGRAM

Believed the Country Will Adhere to  
the Two-Power Standard.

## AN ANSWER TO GERMANY

All of the New Ships Will Be Better  
Than Their Predecessors of  
Like Class.

LONDON, February 17.—In view of  
the threatening attitude of that section of  
the radical party which advocates reduc-  
tion in armaments there has been much  
speculation as to whether the government  
will persist in the determination, reached  
on the advice of the lords of the admiralty  
to submit increased naval estimates to  
parliament.

Those in position to know say they will,  
and, backed by strong public opinion, will  
be able to carry them through without  
difficulty.

What these estimates provide for in the  
way of new construction is another ques-  
tion that has been much discussed.

A naval officer who, while not admitting  
the possession of any inside information,  
is, nevertheless, well informed, gives the  
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## DOLLIVER BILL OPPOSED

SENTIMENT AGAINST SCHOOL  
REORGANIZATION MEASURE.

Supporters of the Board of Edu-  
cation Interest Their Friends  
in the Senate.

Strong objection to the passage of the  
Dolliver school reorganization bill for the  
District of Columbia developed in the  
Senate today, when a Senator Burdett of  
Nebraska, chairman of the subcommittee  
which reported the bill, tried to arrange  
for its consideration after Senator Stone's  
currency speech tomorrow. Notwith-  
standing the fact that Senator Burdett  
has been doing much missionary work  
in behalf of the measure, Senator Nelson  
of Minnesota, who is said to be deter-  
mined to defeat it if possible, insisted on  
objecting to giving unanimous consent  
for the order desired by Mr. Burdett.

The bill is now on the calendar under  
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It is believed at the Capitol that not-  
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